

Minutes of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District Finance and Audit Committee Regular Meeting

Meeting held: June 9, 2026
Ganges Fire Hall
105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island

Members Present: Rob Oliver, Committee Chair
Rollie Cook, Board of Trustees Chair
Dennis Lucarelli, Trustee
John Wakefield, Public Member

Staff Members Present: Rodney Dieleman, Corporate Administrator and Financial Officer
Sarah Shugar, Recorder

Regrets: Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and acknowledged that we live and work in the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 12, 2026

By general consent, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 12, 2026 were adopted.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 2027 Draft Budget

CAO Dieleman presented an amended 2027 Draft Budget and a BC Fire Services Budget Comparison. In discussion the following items were noted:

- The new fire hall mortgage is a 25-year term
- Line item 32 – the administration office space lease ended in the first quarter of 2026, as the admin office will be moving to the new hall

- HUB health benefits can be carried over for one year
- 2026 Budget “projection” should be replaced with “actual”
- There was discussion regarding pre-buying US dollars for future apparatus purchases that are manufactured in the US.
- Line item 105 - hall 1 increase by \$25,000 per year starting in 2028.

By general consent, the Finance and Audit Committee agreed to amend the 5-Year Draft Budget line item 105 - Hall 1 by adding \$25,000 per year starting in 2028; and that the draft 2027 budget will be reviewed at the next Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

It is expected that the draft 2027 budget will be recommended for approval at the July Committee meeting, and presented to the Board of Trustees at the July 20, 2026 meeting. The draft 2027 budget will be presented at the 2026 Town Hall meeting for public review and feedback.

5. NEW BUSINESS - None

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee will be held on July 14, 2026.

7. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



Rob Oliver
Chair, Finance and Audit Committee




Rodney Dieleman
Corporate Administrator